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CALENDAR

4-5 Feb MELR-CAP Staff Assistance Visit

11 Feb Wing Cadet Competition—Buckhannon

18-19 Feb Flight Clinic—Clarksburg

10-19 Mar SAREX—Location TBA

18 Mar PAO Roundtable—Clarksburg

24-26 Mar Cadet Curry Camp—Beckley

15-16 Apr National Standards Check Pilot School—Location TBA

22-23 Apr Aviation and Technology Fair —Morgantown

28-30 Apr SAREX—Location TBA

1-7 May SAREX Continued—Location TBA

12-14 May Cadet Leadership School—Beckley

19-21 May USAF Observed SAREX—Clarksburg

9-12 Jun SAREX—Location TBA

24 Jun Wing Commanders Call—Location TBA

8-15 Jul Cadet Summer Encampment—Camp Dawson

21-29 Jul Oshkosh Trip

WV Wing Receives New Aircraft

1st Lt John Carr
Public Affairs Officer
Clarksburg Composite Squadron

WV Wing Commander Colonel Rodney Moore and Clarksburg instructor/check pilot Captain Dennis Moore left Sunday 15 January for Independence, Kansas to attend a six day training class on West Virginia's newest Civil Air Patrol aircraft. They returned Sunday 22 January after completing the training class, with the new aircraft N703CP. The training class included six long days of classroom and flight training with the G-1000

"Glass Cockpit" Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA). This is the type of aircraft, the Civil Air Patrol will be flying well into the future. It is entirely computerized and has a vast amount of information available to the flight crew.

The aircraft instrumentation consists of two 10 inch computer screens that supply all communications, navigation, and engine instrumentation functions. The aircraft has a built in storm scope and radar; plus current aviation weather is available through a Satellite XM Radio data link. A satellite phone is installed, along with the hardware for the SDIS system. When we receive the laptop computer and camera for the SDIS system, we should be ready to provide images directly from the aircraft to Emergency Services agencies in nearly real time.

In the near future, we will be scheduling a ground school for the use of the system; any rated or trainee aircrew member will be welcome to attend this training. National Headquarters is providing funding for the flight training for 10 mission pilots; and those ten pilots will be selected soon.

N703CP's arrival at the Clarksburg Airport Sunday night was met by a number of West Virginia Wing CAP personnel anxious to see the new 21st century aircraft.



WV Wing's newest Cessna 182, N703CP, arrives at the Clarksburg Airport after a flight from the Cessna Aircraft Factory at Independence, Kansas



An inside look at the G-1000 "Glass Cockpit" that provides communications, navigation, and engine information to the flight crew.

CAP Appoints New Administrator for the WV Wing

Capt Jeffery Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

Kenna S. “Lucky” Ray has been appointed Wing Administrator for the Civil Air Patrol’s West Virginia Wing. CAP recently created the Wing Administrator position to provide administrative and program support to the organization’s 52 Wing Commanders.

Duties will include maintaining financial and personnel records to ensure Wing compliance with CAP headquarters and government requirements related to payroll, safety and employee-related programs. Ray will also assist in planning official conferences, meetings and annual training seminars; processing registration for Wing-sponsored events; and taking inventories of logistical equipment.

“The Wing Administrators provide a great service to our volunteer CAP members,” said Brig Gen Tony Pineda. “They are an invaluable part of the CAP team and will support the day-to-day tasks at the wing. This will enable many of our volunteer members to pursue rewarding service activities.”

Ray attended WV State College, and participated in the Advanced ROTC program. He successfully completed U.S. Army Officer’s School at Indiantown Gap, Pa. He served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves. Ray held various craft and supervisory positions with Bell Atlantic and retired in 1992.

He is a Deacon of Bethel Baptist Church of South Charleston W.Va., and is very active in American Baptist Men’s Disaster Relief Team. Mr. Ray has worked in flood relief in practically every county in the state, and in Greenville, North Carolina and Wiggins, Mississippi.

He has been a leader of several mission teams making trips to Nicaragua, traveling to mountainous isolated villages to build clinics, dig latrines, and build water projects. Ray and his wife, Leola, are residents of South Charleston. They have two children, Lisa is a Department Supervisor for McJunkin Corp and Kevin, a Major in Intelligence with the West Virginia Air National Guard, and a Pilot in the WV Wing Civil Air Patrol assigned to Wing Headquarters.



Mr. Kenna S. “Lucky” Ray
the New West Virginia Wing Administrator

CAP Major Jeffery Tansill is a West Virginia State Delegate

Capt Jeffery Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

No stranger to the US Air Force, CAP Major Jeff Tansill, was born and raised the son of a career Air Force veteran. Born on a nuclear submarine base, Tansill grew up in several locations, including four years in Europe. He was used to making sacrifices to serve his country as he saw his father deployed for up to a year at a time for war and for NATO exercises. He returned to his parents’ native West Virginia as a young teen to live. In the mid 90’s he was appointed to fill a vacancy on Grafton City Council, and within two years became the Vice Mayor. It was during his second term as Vice Mayor that tragedy struck as the terrorist attacks on September 11th 2001 shook the nation. “*That’s when I decided it was time to do something more for my country. My friend, Lt Col Eugene Thorn, had been trying to recruit me for some time,*” Tansill related. Consequently, Mr. Tansill joined the CAP and quickly became an active member with the Clarksburg Composite Squadron.

Jeff Tansill soon became Mayor of Grafton, and enjoyed joining his love for the mountains and outdoors with CAP search and rescue training. While planning his reelection campaign, he was approached by friends and some Legislators to run for the WV House of Delegates.

At press time, Jeff Tansill is in his second year as a Legislator in Charleston. He remains optimistic about the services the CAP provides to West Virginia and the United States. “*The CAP performs valuable tasks in helping other government agencies with aerial assistance and ground team operations. Whether they are tracking wildlife, doing Drug Demand Reduction work, flying hurricane damage assessment, locating downed planes or lost children, CAP volunteers make a big difference in bettering our lives and communities.*”

First Glider Flights for the West Virginia Wing

Lt Col Dennis D. Barron
Chief of Staff
West Virginia Wing

The West Virginia Wing entered a new era of aviation history today by making its first successful glider flight! Capt James Newton, of the Martinsburg Squadron, with assistance of Captains Tom Hoffmann and Marvin Holland, bravely and very successfully launched West Virginia Wing's SGS 2-33 Glider, tail number 7539. The flight took place at the Petersburg Airport, where the glider was rebuilt and is being stored. A second flight was made later in the day with Capt Holland instructing Capt Hoffmann in the fine art of glider flying. Many more flights will be made in the glider before it will be ready for cadet orientation flights, but those will be coming in the spring. Congratulations to Capt Newton for his steadfast determination over the last several years to get a glider program going in the W V Wing. **Good job, Jim!**



Capt Jim Newton, of the Martinsburg Composite Squadron, hooked up and ready to go on the first flight of the WV Wing Glider.

Martinsburg Squadron Members Visit the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

2nd Lt Russell Voelker
Public Affairs Officer
Martinsburg Composite Squadron

Twelve cadets, five senior members and one parent, from the Martinsburg Composite Squadron, spent part of their Christmas holidays expanding their knowledge of aviation and aerospace. The group visited the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (UHC) at Washington Dulles International Airport, Chantilly, VA, for a personally guided tour of the facility.

Squadron member, (and UHC Docent), Chuck Aston led the group through a highly educational and enjoyable tour. 2nd Lt Aston explained the significance of many of the exhibits in the museum and provided a commentary on the advances made in aviation and aerospace over the last century. After the group broke for lunch, they viewed "*The Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag*" at the museum's IMAX Theater. The formal tour was then completed with a visit to the James S. McDonnell Space Hanger and the Space Shuttle Enterprise.



Clarksburg Squadron Participates in Mock Disasters

1st Lt John Carr
Public Affairs Officer
Clarksburg Composite Squadron

The Clarksburg Squadron recently worked with the Harrison-Marion Regional Airport, police, fire, hospital, and federal authorities to conduct a two-day series of mock disasters and terrorist drills as a test of all the departments' procedures.

The first day consisted of a mock terrorist taking hostages and local and federal authorities being placed in a hostage negotiation situation. 2nd Lt John Payne played the terrorist, and the hostages were 2nd Lt Rod Jennings, 2nd Lt Rocco Rossetti, and Cadets Joel Ridgway and Alex Gray. The resulting three hour hostage situation resulted in a learning experience, which produced many areas to be improved.

The next day involved a terrorist vehicle running into a fuel truck in the process fueling an airplane with resulting casualties being trapped in the burning aircraft. The casualties in this scenario were 1st Lt John Carr, 2nd Lt John Payne, 2nd Lt Rocco Rossetti, and Cadet Jared Vecchio. This was for training for the airport firefighters, and rescue personnel as well as local EMT's and hospital personnel. This also resulted in finding areas such as communications, rescue, transport, and treatment, which could be improved.



The pictures show 2nd Lt John Payne helping Cadet Jared Vecchio with his "injury", and the end result when Cadet Vecchio arrived at the hospital.



Martinsburg Composite Squadron Cadet Banner and Color Guard Lead The Mountain State Apple Harvest Parade

2nd Lt Russell Voelker
Public Affairs Officer
Martinsburg Composite Squadron

Martinsburg Composite Squadron's Banner and Color Guard led the 2nd Division of the 26th Annual Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival Grand Parade. This event was held, in Martinsburg, on October 15, 2005. Color Guard Members included C/TSgt Ashley Wilson, C/A1C Corey Mason, C/Amn Robert Welch and C/Amn Adam Goswick. The squadron banner was carried by C/B Matt Behrmann and C/A1C Andrew Mitchell. Lt Col Dennis Barron, 1st Lt Sibby Kirby and 2nd Lt Russell Voelker followed in the squadron van. C/MSgt Andrew Hume and C/TSgt Ashley Wilson assisted in organizing and instructing the members of the detail.



West Virginia Wing Participates in the Middle East Region Safety Blitz

Capt Brian L. Shatzer
Director of Safety
West Virginia Wing

Middle East Region (MER) has developed a plan to assist the Wings and Squadrons within the Region in raising Safety Awareness. The MER plan will help in developing a safety culture across the Region. Safety at times seems to be a reaction to a mishap; something that is thought of after-the-fact. Safety needs to be present in all phases of everything we do, not only at CAP activities but at home, school, work, and everywhere in between. Our first step in developing a safety culture was by having a Safety Blitz: a month of increased SAFETY AWARENESS.

West Virginia Wing completed the first Middle East Region's "Safety Blitz" in November 2005. A guideline for the Blitz was sent to the Squadron Commanders in October by then Interim Wing Commander Lt Col David Brooks. Upon taking command, Col. Rodney Moore gave full support to the Blitz, asking Wing Staff to assist where possible.

It was an exciting month in CAP Safety. With the help of the Squadron Commanders and the Safety Officers we had 100% squadron participation. The total number of participants was an amazing; 279 members who gave 1,378.6 hours working on safety. There were group activities where several squadrons worked on pilot and aircrew training. Several squadrons offered Emergency Services training. Some squadrons brought in visitors who spoke on the topics of teen suicide, aviation safety, and fire extinguisher use; some cadets even engaged in safety games.

The West Virginia Wing has always been a safety conscious group. The members of our Wing are highly active, participating in some type of training nearly every weekend. Whenever a group is this active, they must stay very safety conscious. Hopefully the recently completed Safety Blitz has helped instill a higher awareness of safety in all of us.

Our Safety Goal:

**Our goal is to accomplish the three missions of Civil Air Patrol
in a safe manner, with no accidents, incidents, injuries,
or property damage, thereby helping to establish Civil Air Patrol
as a world class leader of safety, in both youth
programs and general aviation.**

Boone Composite Squadron Conducts Recruiting Drive

2ND Lt Betty White, Recruiting Officer for the Boone Composite Squadron, decided that a unique way to recruit new cadets is to tell the CAP story to those young people who are "almost ready" to join. Her philosophy is that "we should catch their attention and motivate them to join CAP before so many other interests and commitments attract them." With that approach in mind, Lt White arranged a recruiting drive at the Ramage Elementary School in Ramage, WV. The principal, Mr. Fred Bell, was more than happy to permit the thirty-four, fifth grade students, to attend the CAP presentation in the gymnasium. Lt White was accompanied by the unit's Deputy Commander for Cadets, Capt Carol Martin and Cadets, Lisa White, Bobby White, Zach Cox, and Josh Lezu.

The one hour program allowed the unit members to show the students a video from National Headquarters featuring the Cadet program. They then displayed their field gear and helped the students try on the 24-hour and 72-hour ground team backpacks; they also gave them a drill demonstration. Also, during the visit Capt Martin gave a talk on the Drug Demand Reduction program.

The students were able to interact with the Senior Members and Cadets on a one-on-one basis and were able to look at photo albums of the Squadron's past activities. As they were dismissed to go back to their classroom, each student was given a packet containing CAP brochures to take home to their parents.



Cadet Lisa White helps a student with a backpack

Cadet Advisory Council Meeting 10 Dec 2005

C/1st Lt Austin Ross
Cadet Deputy Commander
Parkersburg Composite Squadron

The most recent meeting of West Virginia Wing's Cadet Advisory Council took place on 10 December 2005 alongside the Commander's Call, during which the West Virginia Wing Command Staff met with the squadron commanders and wing staff to discuss recent and upcoming events. Nine cadets and one senior member attended the meeting. The CAC representatives were invited to participate in the opening of the Commander's Call, conducted by Col Rodney A. Moore, where he discussed some of his plans for the West Virginia Wing over the coming year.

The meeting took place under the supervision of the Wing Director of Cadet Programs, Capt Debbie Boggs. The cadets present at the meeting were: C/1st Lt Andrew Gagan, chairman; C/CMSgt Courtney Ropp, recorder and Charleston primary representative; C/A1C James Childress, Beckley primary representative; C/MSgt Zach Cox, Boone assistant representative; C/A1C Lincoln Sklar, Clarksburg proxy representative; C/2d Lt Mark Guiney, Martinsburg assistant representative; C/TSgt John Maxwell, Morgantown assistant representative; C/1st Lt Justin Ross, Parkersburg primary representative; and C/1st Lt Austin Ross, Parkersburg assistant representative.

Lt Col Dennis D. Barron spoke with the CAC regarding the upcoming Cadet Leadership Training Courses for 2006.

The CAC discussed various issues relating to cadets within the Wing, including: the National Cadet Special Activities; regulation of the CPFT program throughout the Wing; the date and location for the second installment of the Cadet Leadership Training Course; the role of the Cadet Advisory Council assistant representative; wear of the embroidered cloth grade insignia on the BDU cap for cadet officers; and a potential Color Guard workshop for later in 2006.

The next West Virginia Wing CAC meeting will be held on 11 February 2006, alongside the Wing's Cadet Competition.

Grover Loening Award:
Capt Pamela Miller-Readd, WV060,
Capt Clarence W. Blankenship, WV093

Brig Gen Chuck Yeager Award:
1st Lt Danille M. Deangelo, WV038

Amelia Earhart Award: Cadet Darrell Strovers, WV038

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award: Cadet Mark R. Guiney, WV020

Newest Mitchell Award Winner

Capt Deborah Boggs
Director of Cadet Programs
West Virginia Wing

Cadet Amber Huggins of the Morgantown Squadron is West Virginia's newest recipient of Civil Air Patrol's second milestone award, the Mitchell Award.

The Mitchell Award is earned after completing the first eight achievements of the cadet program. In addition, the cadet must pass an arduous 100 question examination testing leadership theory and aerospace topics. Since its inception over 30 years ago, over 42,000 cadets have earned this honor.

Adopt-A-Highway Project By the Martinsburg Squadron

Lt Col Dennis Barron
Chief of Staff
West Virginia Wing

I want to thank the members who reported for the recent Adopt-A-Highway clean-up project.

There were three cadets, five senior members, and one non-member who volunteered to pick up the litter along Paynes Ford Road.

A total of 35 trash bags were filled by the members along the two mile stretch of roadway. The clean-up was completed in a record time of less than 2 hours.

Thanks goes to 2nd Lt Russ Voelker, Capt Larry Dean, Maj Bart Rogers, 2nd Lt Chuck Aston, Cadet Joel Lyons, Cadet Stephanie Hardy, Cadet Mark Guiney, and Mina Goodrich for their excellent help and hard work.

Today's project completes our three required trash pick-ups for the year.

During 2005, our squadron filled up a total of 83 bags of trash along Paynes Ford Road, which totals about 2905 pounds of litter. We spent 51 man-hours on this project this past year.

During the eight years that the Martinsburg Composite Squadron has been involved with the Adopt-A-Highway program, we have been credited with picking up 721 bags of trash, that totaled 25,235 pounds, or 12.61 tons.

We spent a total of 578 man-hours in those eight years picking up litter along the road which leads to the airport. This has been a great project for both our members and the Airport community. Hopefully, the unit will continue this program for many more years.

2005 West Virginia Wing Conference and Banquet

Capt Jeffery Schrock
Director of Public Affairs
West Virginia Wing

Teamwork: Together we achieve the extraordinary was the theme for the 64th annual West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol Conference and Banquet. Held at the Mariott Hotel and Conference Center in Charleston, this past year's conference allowed members to celebrate a successful year, and recognize those individuals who contributed to the Wing and Civil Air Patrol. The morning session kicked off with Interim Wing Commander Lt Col David C. Brooks welcoming everyone to the conference. We also learned that as the conference was getting underway, a ground team from MidValley Composite Squadron was conducting a mission to track an ELT signal.

Several power point presentations were made to the mem-

bers. Lt Col Dennis Barron, DDR Administrator and Encampment Commander, talked about the encampment and recognized those individuals who served on staff. Capt Jeffery Schrock, Director of Public Affairs presented a Wing overview from 2001-2004, and 1st Lt Ross White of Clarksburg Composite Squadron, and Major Rick Heis of Morgantown Composite Squadron presented a preview of the upcoming annual Aerospace Education trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Commanders Commendation Awards were presented to selected members of the 12 units in the Wing, and special awards were handed out by Middle East Region Commander Charles S Glass, National CAP Controller and former WV Wing Commander Col Rodney F. Moody, and Interim Wing Commander Lt Col David C. Brooks before the session broke for lunch.

The afternoon session had several seminars scheduled. A Drug Demand Reduction Seminar allowed members to hear from several important speakers. Shortly before his high school prom, 17 year-old Brandon Silveria was involved in a near-fatal crash after drinking a couple of beers at a high school party. After enduring a coma for nearly three months and another three years of painful rehabilitation, Brandon and his father Tony tour America's high schools full-time on behalf of The Century Council talking about the dangers of drinking and driving. After Brandon's story was featured in an episode of the television show "Rescue: 911," Brandon and his father, Tony, agreed that their personal tragedy could be turned into an educational triumph. They now speak nationwide to young people and their parents on the organization's behalf. West Virginia's Attorney General Darrell McGraw also attended the seminar, and introduced Brandon and Tony. After the two spoke, the Wing gave them a standing ovation.

The banquet saw the passing of the torch as Interim Wing Commander Lt Col David C. Brooks relinquished command to the new Wing Commander Col Rodney A Moore. Moore said he looks forward to the next four years and that the Wing is being given to him with a strong foundation.

The evening concluded with yearly awards being presented. A breakdown of individuals and units being recognized follows: **Emergency Services Awards:** Air Support Award Parkersburg Squadron; Ground Support Award Clarksburg Squadron; SAREX Competition - Aircrew: Maj Barclay L. Rogers, Mission Pilot, Capt Thomas H. Hoffman, Mission Observer, and Lt Col David C. Brooks, Mission Scanner ; SAREX Competition Ground Team - Lt Col Rodney A. Moore Ground Team Leader, Team Members; Capt Eugene W. Rogers, 1st Lt Kathleen J. Dawson, Cadet Joleen B. Dawson and Cadet Ryan A. Landes. **Officer of the Year Awards:** Administration Maj Stephen P. Sterling; Aerospace Education Capt Christal M. Akers; Chaplain Lt Col G. Brian Blair; MLO 1st Lt Gary W. Gourley; Cadet Communication C/2d Lt Daniel L. Efaw; Senior Communication 1st Lt David A. Erwin; Finance Officer Lt Col John L. Hollandsworth; Historian Capt Jeffery E. Schrock; Logistician 1st Lt Roger L. Bennett; Personnel 2d Lt Kathleen J. Dawson; Check Pilot Lt Col R. Shelton Davis; Cadet Orientation Pilot Lt Col Jerry O'Sullivan; PAO 2d Lt Russell G. Voelker; Safety Lt Col Glenn L. Brooks; **Squadron of the Year** Parkersburg Composite Squadron; **Squadron of Merit** Parkersburg Composite Squadron; **Torch Award:** Cadet C/Capt Cody R. Pugh, Senior Member Lt Col Earl R. Loew; **Cadet Member of the Year** C/Maj Justin R. Shirkey, **Senior Member of the Year** Lt Col George A. Polen



Middle East Region Commander Charles S. Glass hands Command of the West Virginia Wing to Col Rodney A. Moore

CAP Supports Martinsburg Air Show

2nd Lt Russell Voelker
Public Affairs Officer
Martinsburg Composite Squadron

On September 24 and 25, 2005 an estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people attended the **Spirit of America over Martinsburg Air Show** held at the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport. An average of 43 members of Martinsburg and Clarksburg Squadrons participated each day, also on hand for the event on Saturday was the Interim WV Wing Commander Lt Col Dave Brooks and his wife, Maj Amy Brooks, a WV Wing Public Affairs Officer.

The duties of the CAP members included parking cars and manning a recruiting/DDR information booth. On static display was a restored World War II Era Stinson CAP Coastal Patrol Aircraft along with Clarksburg Squadron's Cessna 182. CAP DDR Balsa Gliders and Frisbees joined the many aerobatic, military, and vintage aircraft that filled the air both days. CAP members received many accolades from both the air show coordinator and the airport authority.



Cadets pose in front of the CAP Display, From L-R: Cadet Guiney, Cadet Mason, Cadet Sklar, Cadet Barton, and Cadet Napier.



On static display a restored World War II Era Stinson CAP Coastal Patrol Aircraft and Clarksburg Squadron's Cessna 182.



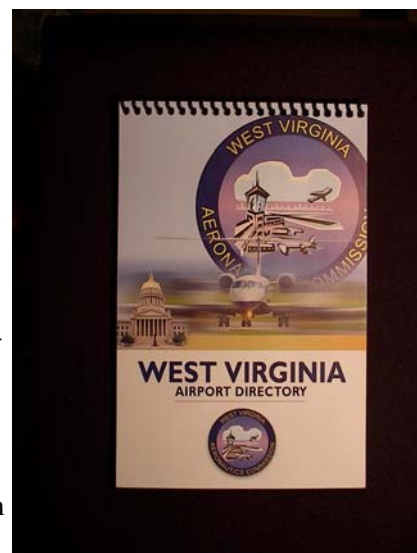
From L-R: Lt Col Shelton Davis, Lt Col Dennis Barron, Lt Col Dave Brooks and Maj Amy Brooks pause for a picture at the Air Show

WV Civil Air Patrol Provides Aerial Airport Pictures for the New West Virginia Aeronautics Commission Airport Directory

Major Amelia G. Brooks
Editor, Mountain Flyer
West Virginia Wing

The West Virginia Wing is very proud and privileged to have played a major role in the recent publication of the new West Virginia Airport Directory. We had the task and responsibility of providing all the airport photographs that appear in the publication for Mrs. Susan Chernenko, Director of the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission. In addition, the West Virginia Wing has turned over to the WV Office of Emergency Services over 600 digital photographs of important commercial, transportation, and public facilities that could be subject to a disaster or criminal activity. For the past several years, the WV Wing has been working with the WV Office of Emergency Services assisting with homeland security. When we are alerted our volunteers are prepared to deploy immediately to serve the state and residents of WV. In September 2005, the WV Wing was called by the National Operations Center from Maxwell AFB, AL to prepare for deployment for Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Ophelia disaster relief activities. Although the Wing was on standby for four weeks, we were not required to deploy aircraft or ground teams to the gulf coast region.

Col Rod Moore has recently taken a trip to Kansas to pick up a brand new glass cockpit Cessna 182 which is equipped with a Satellite Digital Imaging System (SDIS). This specially equipped aircraft can photograph targets in real time, sending the pictures instantly to computers and video screens at any mission control headquarters in the nation.



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Mercer Composite Squadron Hosts a Regional SAREX

Maj Jim Coiner
Public Affairs Officer
Bluefield Composite Squadron

On a cold December day the expertise of southern and western West Virginia CAP units was tested in a mock missing airplane incident. Capt Tom Hoffman, the recently appointed Director of Emergency Services, planned the winter exercise utilizing Mid-Valley, Beckley and Mercer Composite squadrons. CAP members, two CAP aircraft and two CAP vans were utilized for the mission.

The practice mission had a mock civilian aircraft leaving Pineville Airport on 16 December on an eastern flight with a planned stop at Beckley Airport. Predictably the aircraft didn't arrive at Beckley and through normal practice channels, a CAP search and rescue mission was initiated by the AFRCC to begin early on Saturday, 17 December. The Cessna 182 from Ona Airport was assigned to conduct a route search between Pineville and Beckley while enroute to the Mercer County Airport mission base. Later a Mercer County aircrew flew the same route search in the Cessna 182 after the ELT was activated. A "high bird" Cessna 172 was also launched to assist with communications between the search aircraft and the ground team. The 182 located the crash site by electronic means, and subsequently directed the ground team toward the crash site. The ground team also successfully "DF" the crash location and went to the "downed" plane located on the golf course at Twin Falls State Park. The ground team reported that the mock plane constructed by the Beckley CAP was a very realistic representation of a plane crash scene. The practice mission was deemed a success according to Capt. Hoffman and again demonstrated the value of regional SAREX exercises.

Participants in the mission included: WV001, Lt Col Eugene Thorn and Capt Tom Hoffmann; WV113, Capt William Motsinger, Lt Larry Angell, Lt Vicki Barnhouse, Lt Bill Miner, Lt Brian King and Cadet Josh King; WV099, Capt David Chaney, Maj Robert Cook, Lt Tom Plass, (Other Beckley CAP members participated in preparing the mock crashed aircraft). WV093, Maj Danny Caldwell, Lt Col Larry Smith, Maj Jim Coiner, Maj Larry Williams, Capt Terry Childress, Lt Joe Grizzel, Lt Elwood Vaughn, Lt Kevin Bailey, Lt Melvin Chinault, Lt George Shively, Lt Steve Antolini and Cadet Randy Smith.



Capt Tom Hoffmann the SAREX Mission Incident Commander briefs mission personnel before the mission begins



The 2005 Banquet Keynote Speaker Mr. James W. Spears, WV Secretary of Military Affairs and Public Safety provided those present at the gathering an excellent talk on the role of state government in Homeland Security



Lt Col Dennis D. Barron, Master of Ceremonies of the 2005 Banquet entertains those present with a humorous story while Col Moody, Mr. Spears, Lt Col Brooks, Lt Col Sohan, and Col Glass enjoy the moment.

Morgantown Aviation and Technology Fair

The Morgantown Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and Aviation Explorer Post 747 Aviation and Technology Fair is dedicated to the discovery and fulfillment of individual potential through opportunities and challenges inspired by the dream of personal flight and technology.

The 'Fair' starts at 7:00 am, Saturday, April 22 with a fly in breakfast and the exhibits open at 9:00am. The 'Fair' is primarily a Saturday activity, but there are many pre registered activities continuing throughout Saturday night until the end of the 'Fair' Sunday, April 23 at noon. There is also a fly in breakfast Sunday, April 23 at 7:00 am till noon.

Since this is such a great event for the family, CAP has taken on the responsibility to provide food and drink for the participants and use the proceeds of the sales of food to further CAP programs.

The Morgantown CAP Aviation and Technology Fair was developed in 2001 to welcome young people into the world of aviation and aerospace. Each youth participant, parents, and educators will experience a first hand, hands-on aerospace activity. We feel the Morgantown Aviation and Technology Fair participants will understand that an individual's potential is unlimited and for them, the sky is the limit. The 'Fair' is not a traditional air show; this is an interactive and hands-on aerospace activity and is very "kid friendly". All participants will be allowed to walk on the main aircraft ramp among all the static aircraft on display, sit in the cockpits, ask questions or just hang out with pilots, and 'touch and feel' the many aerospace exhibits and displays. You will have total access to all the aviation professionals from air traffic controllers, pilots, military aviators, weather professionals, aviation mechanics, FAA, NASA, airport management, area colleges with aviation programs, etc. There will be a large display of radio controlled aircraft and large "model" rockets. Many of these aircraft and rockets will be flown midday Saturday. This year we will have UPV and a weather balloon with payload and online GPS tracking, and many high tech activities on display and potential flight. There will be an Amateur radio special event station, with the call sign W8V for all the participants to make contacts throughout the world. New this year is a Saturday overnight 'campout' for pre registered youth groups with a lot of activities for the night sky.

The highlight of the 'Fair' for youth ages 8-17 is the opportunity to experience an actual orientation flight sponsored by the local EAA chapter 842 and EAA pilot members from the region.

For additional information contact Maj Rick Heis at the Morgantown Composite Squadron.